

# NEWS and NOTES

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### LOS ANGELES

Physicians in the Los Angeles area have been asked to notify the City Health Department by phone of possible or **suspected cases of Q fever** coming to their attention in order that the patients may be subjected to a new diagnostic test for the disease.

Studies of the new test, which may be applicable in the acute as well as in the convalescent stage of the disease, are being conducted by Dr. Joseph Victor of the U. S. Public Health Service as a part of the continuing research on Q fever in the Los Angeles area.

In addition to notifying the City Health Department, physicians are requested to obtain a specimen of blood which will be collected by the health department for complement fixation tests. The department then will contact the physician with regard to follow-up for additional blood specimens for special diagnostic studies by Dr. Victor in suitable cases.

### ORANGE

**Dr. Joseph Preizler** has been appointed Orange County deputy health officer in charge of tuberculosis control. He succeeds Dr. Erwin P. Brauner who resigned to take appointment as health commissioner for the American zone of Berlin.

### SAN FRANCISCO

**Dr. Robert A. Scarborough** of San Francisco was elected president-elect of the American Proctologic Society at the recent convention of that organization in Los Angeles.

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Three awards totaling \$55,580 for **studies of poliomyelitis** were made to the University of California by the National Foundation for Poliomyelitis in June. The largest, a grant of \$41,580, was allocated for virus research under the direction of Dr. Wendell M. Stanley. A grant of \$4,900 was made for support of studies on the blood brain barrier in relation to poliomyelitis under the direction of Dr. Robert B. Aird, and \$9,100 was allotted for studies on treatment under the direction of Dr. LeRoy C. Abbott.

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Renewal of National Cancer Institute grants to two California teaching institutions to aid in improved **training of students with regard to cancer** was approved recently by Dr. Leonard A. Scheele, surgeon general of the U. S. Public Health Service. Stanford University School of Medicine was allotted \$21,958 and the University of California Dental School \$4,968.

### GENERAL

Applications for **American Heart Association research fellowships** and stipends for established investigators will be accepted up to September 15, 1950, according to an announcement by Dr. Howard B. Sprague, president of the association. Applications for research grants-in-aid, including grants for research in basic sciences not necessarily directly related to cardiovascular disease, may be filed up to December 15. More than \$1,000,000 will be allotted this

year by the American Heart Association and its affiliates, it was announced.

Fellowships for established investigators may be granted for a five-year period at a minimum stipend of \$5,000, with an annual increase of \$500. "They are open to superior individuals of proven originality, with the degrees of Doctor of Medicine, Doctor of Philosophy, or Doctor of Science, or equivalent degree, who are interested in making a career in research," the announcement said.

Eligible for research fellowships, which are granted for a one-year period with a stipend ranging from \$3,000 to \$4,300, are graduates of approved medical or graduate schools who are interested in research and intend to follow an academic career.

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**The American Roentgen Ray Society** will hold its 50th anniversary meeting in St. Louis, September 26-29.

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**The International College of Surgeons**, United States Chapter, will hold its 15th Annual Assembly and Convocation in Cleveland, Ohio, October 31, November 1, 2, 3, 1950. All doctors of medicine interested in surgery and its advancement are invited to attend, and can obtain a program upon request to Arnold S. Jackson, M.D., Jackson Clinic, Madison, 4, Wis.

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**Community blood banks** in California are prepared for full cooperation with defense planning. Dr. John R. Upton, chairman of the California Medical Association's Blood Bank Commission, notified the Office of the Secretary of Defense last month. The facilities of the various community blood banks in the state was offered for use in procurement and processing of **blood for overseas shipment**.

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**The American Urological Association** recently announced its annual award of \$1,000 (first prize of \$500, second prize of \$300 and third prize \$200) for essays on the result of some clinical or laboratory research in urology. Competition is limited to urologists who have been in such specific practice for not more than five years and to men in training to become urologists. The first prize essay will appear on the program of the forthcoming meeting of the American Urological Association, to be held at the Palmer House, Chicago, Illinois, May 21-24, 1951.

Full particulars may be obtained from the secretary of the association, Dr. Charles H. de T. Shivers, Boardwalk National Arcade Building, Atlantic City, New Jersey. Essays must be in his hands before February 10, 1951.

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Two medical committees to formulate plans for use in event of **atomic or other armed attack** were named last month by Governor Earl Warren.

Appointed to a **radiological safety advisory committee** were Dr. Stafford Warren, dean of the University of California at Los Angeles School of Medicine, Dr. B. M. Brundage, atomic energy project associate at the same institution, and Dr. Andrew H. Dowdy, professor of radiology at U.C.L.A., Dr. Robert S. Stone, professor of radiology at the University of California School of Medicine, Dr. Harold Hill, a San Francisco radiologist, Dr. Justin Stein, a Los

## POSTGRADUATE EDUCATION NOTICES

*For more complete information as to fees and time of sessions address the institutions as listed.*

### SEPTEMBER 1950

#### University of Southern California, School of Medicine

Clinical Review of Internal Medicine—12 weeks full-time from September 11 to December 1, 1950.

Cardiology and Vascular Disease—12 months, full-time from September 11, 1950 to September, 1951.

Hematology—12 weekly, 2-hour evening lectures. Clinical application of newer diagnostic methods in cardiology. Given at Los Angeles County Hospital.

Recent Advances in Surgery, Obstetrics and Gynecology—Given in San Diego.

Electrocardiography—Given at Centinela Hospital, Inglewood.

#### University of California, San Francisco

Ophthalmology—September 11 through 15, 1950. Toland Hall, University of California Hospital.

Address: Stacey R. Mettier, M.D., Head of Postgraduate Instruction Medical Extension, University of California Medical Center, San Francisco 22.

#### University of California at Los Angeles

Symposia on Therapy in Metabolic, Endocrine and Gastrointestinal Diseases—September 20 to December 13, 1950. Wednesday evenings, 8 to 10 p.m.

Surgical Anatomy—September to December, 1950.

#### Stanford University, School of Medicine

September 11 to 15.

Morning Courses: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon.

Course 1—General Surgery

Course 2—Acute Surgical Emergencies

Course 3—Surgical Anatomy

Course 4—Internal Medicine

Course 5—Electrocardiography

Course 6—Diseases of the Chest

Course 7—Pediatrics

Afternoon Courses: 1:30 to 5 p.m.

Course 8—Surgical Anatomy

Course 9—Proctology

Course 10—Fundamentals of Roentgen Diagnosis

Course 11—Fractures

Course 12—Internal Medicine

Course 13—Obstetrics and Gynecology

Address: Stanford School of Medicine, 2398 Sacramento Street, San Francisco 15, California.

### OCTOBER 1950

#### University of California at Los Angeles

Recent Advances in Obstetrics and Gynecology—One week.

### NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 1950

#### University of California at Los Angeles

Ophthalmology.

### DECEMBER 1950

#### University of California at Los Angeles

Internal Medicine—9 months full-time, December 4, 1950 to September 1951.

### JANUARY 1951

#### University of California at Los Angeles

Advanced Hematology—Eight lectures.

**TWO-DAY MEDICAL INSTITUTES, sponsored by the COMMITTEE ON POSTGRADUATE ACTIVITIES and by the local county society in each locality (exact dates to be announced later).**

**Santa Barbara in October 1950.**

**Fresno in November 1950.**

**Riverside in January 1951.**

**Santa Rosa in February 1951.**

**Sacramento in March 1951.**

Angeles radiologist, Dr. John H. Lawrence, University of California associate professor of medicine and medical physics, and Dr. Phillip Condit of the State Health Department.

Physicians named to a **medical advisory committee** were Dr. Edward S. Rogers of Berkeley; Drs. Walter E. Macpherson, Harold Pearson, Justin J. Stein, George M. Uhl, and Richard M. Brundage, all of Los Angeles; Drs. Alonzo F. Brand, Earl R. Miller, and Rodney Beard, Adm. J. P. Owen, M.C., U.S.N. (Ret.), and Col. Kermit H. Gates, M.C., U.S.A., all of San Francisco; and Col. Paul C. Gilliland, M.C., 4th A.F., Hamilton Field.

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A 16 mm. motion picture in color on **arthritis and rheumatism** is being made by the Arthritis and Rheumatism Foundation for showing at meetings of county medical societies and other medical groups. Produced under the super-

vision of the foundation's Medical and Scientific Committee, the film is scheduled for completion about September 1, 1950, and prints then will be available for loan to interested groups. There will be no charge save to cover shipping costs. In some areas, arrangements can be made through the foundation for medical speakers to address audiences at a showing of the film.

The film will review the incidence of the diseases, the economic and social significance of them, the lack of facilities for care of patients, and the small sums available for medical research, according to the foundation's announcement. Case histories in which cortisone and ACTH are used in treatment "will stress the fundamental importance of hormone therapy as a guide to fuller understanding of the disease processes in rheumatoid arthritis and gout."

**Arrangements for borrowing** the new film may be made through the secretary of the foundation, Dr. Charles Ragan, Presbyterian Hospital, New York 32, N. Y.